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IN a few weeks the American Association for the Advancement of Science will begin its annual session, in the city of Springfield, Massachusetts. It is now fifteen years since the Association met in New England, during which time its meetings have been held in various parts of the country, including points as widely separated as Minneapolis in the Northwest and Washington in the Southeast.

The meeting of 1880 was held in Boston and, up to the present time, is distinguished from all others, either earlier or later, by the large attendance, the great local interest manifested and the importance of the papers presented. The meeting at Philadelphia, in 1884, was, perhaps, the closest approximation to the Boston meeting as far as concerns these points, but the latter must still be regarded as the high-water mark in the history of the Association.

It is unnecessary, in these columns, to refer to the history of this Society, as it is, doubtless, very well known to most of our readers. The first meeting was held in the year 1848, in the city of Philadelphia; the organization then accomplished growing,

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